

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LIMA 04591 261253Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 HA-05 AID-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02

SS-15 ICA-11 /078 W

-----125115 270106Z /20

R 252324Z MAY 78

FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 195

INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 4591

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM PINS PE

SUBJ: POLITICAL LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS EXPELLED

REF: LIMA 4580

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS REPORTS THAT ELEVEN CRITICS AND OPPONENTS OF THE GOP WERE DEPORTED TO ARGENTINA EARLY MAY 25. THE LIST INCLUDES RETIRED MILITARY AND LEFTIST POLITICIANS, SOME OF WHOM ARE CANDIDATES TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND TWO JOURNALISTS. OTHER OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE ALLEGEDLY DETAINED AND ARREST ORDERS ARE OUT FOR SOME PROMINENT LEFTIST POLITICIANS. ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRESIDENT SAYS ELECTIONS WILL STILL BE HELD IN JUNE BUT ONE APRA LEADER VOICED GREAT CONCERN TO US ABOUT RETORNO PROCESS. EMBASSY HAS NO REPEAT NO NEW REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR LABOR CONFRONTATIONS BUT DETAINED UNIONISTS ARE STILL SERIOUS ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, 9 LEFT-WING POLITICAL LEADERS, (INCLUDING RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS) ALONG WITH
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LIMA 04591 261253Z

2 JOURNALISTS, WERE DEPORTED TO ARGENTINA ABOARD A FAP HERCULES, LEAVING LIMA AT 3 A.M. MAY 25. THE PLANE CARRYING THE 11 DEPORTEES IS SAID TO HAVE LANDED NEAR JUJUY IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA.

THE UNCONFIRMED LIST OF DEPORTEES INCLUDES:

(1) VICEADM (R) GUILLERMO FAURA GAIG, PSR CANDIDATE FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY;

- (2) VICEADM (R) JOSE ARCE LARCO, FORMER PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., PSR CANDIDATE NO. 18;
- (3) RICARDO LETTS COLMENARES, CANDIDATE NO. 25 FOR UDP AND CONTRIBUTOR TO "MARKA";
- (4) HUGO BLANCO GALDOS, NO. 3 CANDIDATE FOR FOCEP;
- (5) JOSE LUIS ALVARADO BRAVO, LIEUTENANT TO AVELINO MAR ARIAS IN THE CNA AND CANDIDATE FOR THE PSR;
- (6) RICARDO DIAZ CHAVEZ, CANDIDATE NO. 6 FOR UDP;
- (7) ALFONSO BAELEA TUESTA, EDITOR AT CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY "EL TIEMPO"; AND
- (8) GENARO LEDESMA IZQUIETO, NO. 1 CANDIDATE FOR FOCEP;
- (9) HUMBERTO DAMANTE, DIRECTOR LEFTIST MAGAZINE "MARKA";
- (10) JUAN JUAREGUI, CHAUFFEUR'S UNION LEADER;
- (11) JAVIER DIAZ CANSECO, NO. 3 CANDIDATE FOR UDP.

WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT OTHER LABOR LEADERS, INCLUDING 2 ARRESTED IN AREQUIPA, HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE DEPORTED ALSO, AND THAT SOME 79 DETAINEES WILL BE FLOWN TO THE JUNGLE PENAL COLONY AT EL SEPA THIS EVENING.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ARREST ORDERS ARE OUT FOR AVELINO MAR ARIAS (NO. 3 PSR), ANTONIO MEZA CUADRA VELASQUEZ (NO. 2 PSR), LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA (NO. 1 PSR) AND LAURA CALLER IBERICO (NO. 7 FOCEP AND FORMER AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP). CALLER'S SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF MORNING MAY 25 THAT HER EMPLOYER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LIMA 04591 261253Z

WAS IN HIDING. AN AID OFFICER WHO RENTS RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA'S HOUSE IN LIMA WAS VISITED LAST NIGHT BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ARMY DIVISION GENERAL AND 7 PLAINCLOTHES OFFICERS LOOKING FOR RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA. THE AID EMPLOYEE'S HOME WAS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. (WE ARE TAKING THIS LATTER ISSUE UP WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE.)

4. EMBASSY VIEWS DEPORTATIONS AND DETENTIONS AS A RETURN TO PRACTICES OF THE PAST WHICH CASTS A SHADOW OVER THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18 (REFTEL). HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT DESPITE RECENT DISTURBANCES AND THE DETENTION OF LABOR AND POLITICAL LEADERS, THE ELECTIONS ARE STILL FIRMLY ON FOR JUNE 18. IN CONTRAST TO THIS OPTIMISM, APRA CO-SECRETARY GEN. CARLOS ROCA CACERES, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, CALLED THE DEPORTATION "ABSURD, A TREMENDOUS AND TRAGIC MISTAKE." HE SAID THAT THE MEASURE WILL FAVOR THE LEFT, TURNING THEM INTO SYMBOLS OF OPPOSITION TO MILITARY REPRESSION, GIVING THEM THE HALO OF HEROES AND MARTYRS AND ADDING TO THE PRESTIGE GAINED FROM THE EXECUTION OF A TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL GENERAL STRIKE.

ACCORDING TO ROCA, APRA MUST SEPARATE ITSELF FROM THESE
ARBITRARY MEASURES WITHOUT GIVING SUPPORT TO THE LEFT,
WHICH STANDS TO BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE GOP'S ACTIONS.
ROCA APPEARED GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE
JUNE 18 ELECTIONS AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE RETORNO PROCESS.

5. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE WERE NO NEW
SERIOUS CONFRONTATIONS OR LABOR PROBLEMS MAY 25.
HOWEVER, THE LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED LABOR PROBLEMS,
INCLUDING AN INDEFINITE GENERAL STRIKE, IS DEFINITELY
INCREASED BY RECENT ARRESTS AND DEPORTATIONS. THE CGTP
HAS PUBLICLY DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF ABOUT 100 LABOR
LEADERS DETAINED DURING THE STRIKE, INCLUDING THE LEADERS
OF THE BANK WORKERS AND OF THE AREQUIPA LABOR FEDERATION,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 LIMA 04591 261253Z

AND DENOUNCED POLICE SEARCHES OF THE HOMES OF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRESIDENT OF THE CGTP. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
ARGUMENTS CONTINUE WITHIN THE CGTP OVER CALLING A
NEW NATIONAL STRIKE OF INDEFINITE DURATION. ALSO ONE OF THE
DEPORTEES, RICARDO DIAZ CHAVEZ OF UDP, IS THE LEGAL
ADVISOR TO VICTOR CUADROS' MINE WORKERS AND SMELTER
WORKERS UNIONS AT THE SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION
(SPCC) AT TOQUEPALA AND ILO. HIS EXILE COULD PROVOKE
LABOR UNREST AT SPCC SITES IN THE SOUTH, ALTHOUGH SPCC
WAS OPERATING NORMALLY MAY 25.
SHLAUDEMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EXPULSION, POLITICAL LEADERS, JOURNALISTS, DISSIDENT FACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LIMA04591
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780223-1025
Format: TEL
From: LIMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780520/aaaaaqmg.tel
Line Count: 147
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 78ccba96-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 LIMA 4580
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2574887
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POLITICAL LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS EXPELLED
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PE, AR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/78ccba96-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014